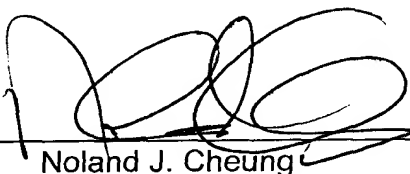


REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request the Preliminary Amendment be entered as the amendment places the claims as well as the Specification in proper form.

New Claims 6 - 9 replace now cancelled Claims 1 - 4. New Claims 10 and 11 replaces the use claim of now cancelled Claim 5. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following abstract was added. A separate copy is attached.

--RUBBER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING HYDROXYL GROUPS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to rubber compounds that contain rubbers polymerized in solution with a secondary hydroxyl group content of 0.1 to 5 wt.-% that are not more than 4 carbon atoms away from the respective side chain end. The invention also relates to mixtures thereof with fillers, optionally additional rubbers and rubber auxiliary agents and the vulcanized rubbers produced thereof. The inventive rubber compounds are useful for producing highly reinforced, abrasion-resistant molded bodies, especially for producing tires that are characterized by excellent non-skid properties on wet surfaces.--

The Title of the Invention has been replaced with the following:

"RUBBER COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING HYDROXYL GROUPS ~~GROUP~~
~~CONTAINING SOLUTION RUBBERS~~".

On page 1, line 2, the following was inserted:

-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 1, line 11, the following was inserted:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 2, line 23, the following was inserted:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 3, line 6, the following was inserted:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 13, before the table, the following was inserted:

-- Table 1 --.

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-- Table 5--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 5 have been cancelled.

The following new Claims have been added:

--6. Rubber mixtures comprising one more hydroxyl group-containing rubbers polymerized in solution and synthesized from diolefins and vinyl aromatic monomers containing bound secondary hydroxyl groups in the range of 0.1 to 5wt.%, wherein said secondary hydroxyl groups are located no further than 4 carbon atoms away from the respective side chain end.

7. Rubber mixtures according to Claim 6, wherein said hydroxyl group-containing rubber or rubbers polymerized in solution have a content of polymerized vinyl aromatic in the range of 5 to 40 wt.% and a 1,2 vinyl content in the range of 5 to 60 wt.%.

8. Rubber mixtures according to Claim 6, wherein styrene is used as a vinyl aromatic monomer.

9. Rubber mixtures according to Claim 6, wherein said diolefins are 1,3-butadiene or isoprene.

10. Molded articles containing rubber mixtures which comprise one more hydroxyl group-containing rubbers polymerized in solution and synthesized from diolefins and vinyl aromatic monomers containing bound secondary hydroxyl groups in the range of 0.1 to 5wt.%, wherein said secondary hydroxyl groups are located no further than 4 carbon atoms away from the respective side chain end.

11. A molded article according to Claim 10, wherein said molded article is a tire tread. --